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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
 2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
 3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
 4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferin (WO 00/36535).

With regards to claims 1, 9 and 13, Ferin teaches a method and a corresponding system and computer program product for updating client contact data, said method comprising: selecting one or more companies; retrieving access information corresponding to the selected companies; packaging the client contact data with data from the retrieved access information forming one or more client contact update requests; and sending one of the client contact update requests to each of the selected companies using data from the retrieved access information (Page 9, Lines 7-15; Page 10, Lines 28-30; Page 12, Lines 4-13).

Ferin fails to teach selecting one or more financial institutions as described in the present application, however, Ferin teaches selection of one or more companies. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Ferin to include financial institutions for the same purpose of updating client contact data.

With regards to claims 3, 10, and 15, Ferin teaches that the client contact data (curriculum vitae or résumé), which inherently includes at least one of a client name, a client address, a client phone number, a client facsimile number, and a client email address (Page 12, Lines 4-13).

With regards to Claims 2, 11 and 14, Ferin teaches the step of encrypting the packaged client contact data (Page 10, Lines 6-9).

With regards to Claims 4 and 16, Ferin teaches that the access information includes at least one of a user identifier, a password, and a financial computer electronic address (Page 9, Lines 27-29; Page 10, Lines 6-10).

With regards to Claims 5 and 17, Ferin teaches that the packaging is performed in response to a user requesting that the client contact data be transmitted to one or more financial institutions (Page 10, Lines 27-29).

With regards to Claims 6, 12 and 18, Ferin teaches the step of receiving one of the client contact update requests from a client computer, the received client contact update request being at a computer corresponding to one of the financial institutions; validating the client update request; and updating a nonvolatile storage area

corresponding to the client based on the client contact data included in the client contact update request Page 12, Lines 4-13).

With regards to Claims 7 and 19, Ferin teaches the step of sending a confirmation message to the client computer in response to the updating (Page 12, Lines 2-4)

With regards to Claims 8 and 20, Ferin teaches the step of encrypting at least one of the client contact update requests with a private key corresponding to a client, wherein the encrypted request is decipherable using a public key corresponding to the client (Page 9, Lines 27-30; Page 10, Lines 6-9).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olabode Akintola whose telephone number is 571-272-3629. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM -5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 571-272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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